

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Walter C. Pledger on 15 September 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In claim 8,
 - On line 7, the word "linearly" should be inserted in after "three" such that it reads "three linearly sloped sections"
 - On line 10, the word "linearly" should be inserted in after "three" such that it reads "three linearly sloped sections"
- In claim 12,
 - On line 6, the word "linearly" should be inserted in after "three" such that it reads "three linearly sloped sections"
 - On line 9, the word "linearly" should be inserted in after "three" such that it reads "three linearly sloped sections"
- Claims 14 and 15 are cancelled in order to place the application in condition for allowance.
- Claims 16 and 17 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 8-13 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Prior art, whether taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose, teach or render obvious the following limitations:
 - A light-emitting lens having an inverted conically shaped peripheral surface, wherein said peripheral surface having three sloped sections, each of said sloped sections being

sloped relative to an axis of said light-emitting element lens at an angle different from that of the other sloped sections so as to define circumferential corners at points of discontinuity between adjacent ones of said three sloped sections. (claims 8 and 12)

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEAH S. LOVELL whose telephone number is (571)272-2719. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong-Suk (James) Lee can be reached on (571) 272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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